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ABOUT SUMMERFALLOW.

Among other things mentioned in the report of the Southern Alberta Survey Board, as submitted to the legislature, the principal was laid down that summerfallow should comprise at least half the acreage sown to crop in 1922. It further suggests that this summerfallow should be in good shape by June 15th.

Since the Survey Board has also taken up the question of credit with the financial interests, and since the banks and commercial houses will be watching developments in farming communities in districts under consideration by the Board, it would be well if all farmers concerned pay attention to this suggestion made by the Board.

In dealing with this phase of the question the Calgary Herald says: "The man who deliberately attempts to get by with slipshod farming operations will get little sympathy from creditors, but all reasonable consideration will be given to farmers who show by the amount of summerfallowing done in June that they are trying to make good and to pay their debts."

THE LOCUST PEST.

Experts, as well as men who have had experience with the grasshopper plagues in other countries, appear to have no doubt that we are due for such a plague in this district this season unless drastic efforts are made to destroy the pests in the early stages of development. They claim that this menace has been constantly on the increase in this country since 1918, and that last year practically the whole of Southern Alberta from the international boundary as far north as Olds, and east to the Saskatchewan boundary, was infested with billions of locusts and the eggs deposited were enormous.

They report that their investigations last year showed that in some districts in the west wheat yields were cut down about 10 bushels to the acre by grasshoppers which were not nearly so numerous as they will be this year if they ever get a good start.

According to these experts billions of locust eggs are now deposited along the roadside fence lines and in pastures fields. Late in May or early in June these eggs develop into little black jumping locusts. From that day they are born until about 40 days later they will have but two objects in life—to eat and rest at night. They eat from sunrise to sunset.

Once a week they moult, and with each successive moulting their little wings get larger and larger, until after the fifth moult

ing they are ready to fly, and breed.

After attaining the full wing stage, they will eat but they go further afield for it, and poisoning is not as effective as when they are in moulting stage.

It will be seen from this that the time to get after them is in the early stages, and the results which may follow if proper attention is not given at the proper time.

The provincial government is doing its part in an effort to combat the possibility of an outbreak of this pest this year. It, therefore, behooves every farmer, every farmers' organization, and every rural municipality, to render every possible assistance to the government officials in making the campaign against these pests a success.

LOOK AFTER THE TREES.

Now that the town has gone to considerable trouble in putting out a number of trees on our streets, every citizen should consider it his duty to see that they are given every care and attention possible to help bring them to maturity.

There are many ways in which the public can help in the matter. First, those who own cattle or horses should see that they are not allowed to run at large. If they tether out animals care should be taken to see they are tethered so that they cannot get to the trees. Children should also be warned not to play around them or break the branches. Those who have trees planted in front of their homes should take some interest in them. A little cultivation around them and a liberal application of water when watering your gardens and lawns will also help very much. Get the habit of giving them some attention.

Medicine Hat is considering forming a municipal golf links. If they decide to do so it might be a good idea if they would locate the links on this side of the river, as there are a number of golf enthusiasts in Redcliff who might patronize it and help make it a success.

Plans are now well under way for having a real live club in connection with the G.W.V.A. Since it has been decided to take honorary members into the club quite a number have signified their willingness to join and have made application to become members. A meeting of all such, as well as those interested in the movement, and G.W.V.A. members, is to be held in the club rooms tonight. As plans for the running of the club in future will be discussed at this meeting, and there should be a full turnout.

Now that the outdoor sport season is on and Redcliff is well to the front with senior and junior football and baseball clubs, it looks as though the public would have some entertainment in these lines this summer. Last year our senior football team won the league cup, and they are out this year after further honors. In this ambition they should receive the support and encouragement of the citizens. The juniors are also in a league and have started out with prospects which should land them at the top of the list if the players keep up their interest and they receive the support they should. Baseballers are also making good headway. The main thing now is to keep the interest up, and in this both the players and the people have their part to play.

Owners of stock in town and the country contiguous to the town should remember that the gardening season is now on. A stray animal can destroy in a few minutes what it has taken a gardener days or weeks to accomplish. This is most discouraging. Besides owners of stock are liable for damages.

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